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In re U.S. Patent Application of)
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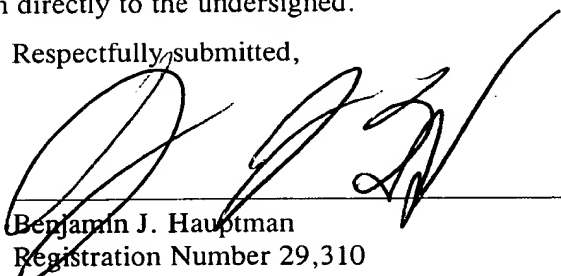
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Missing Parts dated August 2, 2000, of the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) of the Patent and Trademark Office, the period for response to which has been extended to January 2, 2001, by the filing of a petition for a four-month extension of time and payment of the appropriate fee. Submitted herewith is the executed declaration for the above-captioned application.

The fee of \$1600.00, which includes the late declaration surcharge, additional claim fee of \$80.00 and petition fee, is enclosed by way of credit card authorization. Please direct any inquiries in connection with this application directly to the undersigned.

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